



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
St. Paul District

Fact Sheet

Environmental Protection - Mississippi River - Pool #8 Islands (Phase II), Stoddard, WI



Environmental Management Program- Pool #8 (viewing south), Stoddard, WI

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Location/Description:

Part of the Corps' Environmental Management Program (EMP), the site is an open, lake-like reach of pool 8 on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Stoddard, Wisconsin. The site lies within the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. The project consists of islands designed to reduce wind and wave action in the backwater area. This project is the second of five phases of island construction in pool 8. The islands are constructed from dredged material and protected with riprap and vegetation to prevent erosion. Topsoil was obtained by dredging deepwater fish habitat within the project area.

Status:

General design was completed in June 1996, and the project was approved for construction in October 1996. A construction contract was awarded in September 1997 and work was initiated in November 1997. Construction was completed and the project was dedicated in September 1999.

Additional:

Many of the islands in pool 8 have eroded or disappeared. This has increased wind fetch and associated turbidity in the backwater areas, resulting in an observed loss of valuable aquatic plant beds, particularly wild celery, which migrating canvasback ducks use for food. The project will maintain existing valuable habitat and provide physical conditions necessary for the reestablishment of aquatic plant beds and deepwater habitat, benefiting a wide spectrum of fish and wildlife.

Authority:

Section 1103 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986; Definite Project Report dated June 1989.

Fiscal:

Project design and construction costs are 100 percent Federal because the project is located on national wildlife refuge lands. Operation and maintenance costs are 100 percent Federal (a responsibility of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and are estimated to be \$3,000 annually.

General Design	\$476,000
Construction	\$3,006,000

Allocations through Fiscal Year 1999	\$2,994,000
Fiscal Year 2000 Funding	\$12,000